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Whose voice called to the Sword, "Be thou our master"?
 Whose breath was quick to blow
 War's smouldering coals into a wide disaster?
 Whose hands made haste to sow
 Hate's poisonous tares among the wheat to grow?
 What specious tongue was bold to gloze and plaster
 The front of truth lest men its face should know?
 Who led the sheep unto the wolf—what pastor?
 Toll!

Toll! toll, ye bells! for manhood's choice and flower
 Slain in the morning glow.
 Toll! let the knell roll from your ancient tower
 For joy and hope laid low.
 Toll, toll! 'twas man that dealt to man the blow!
 Would he had vindicated reason's power,
 Would he had overcome by faith! but no,
 The doves fly moaning from your ivied bower—
 Toll!

Enfield, England, June, 1898.

The Message of the Czar.

BY MARY C. FRY.

Listen! From a far land comes a word
 Deep, majestic, strong,
 'Mid the nations' fretful clamor heard,
 Sweeter than a song;

Echo of that angel song of old,
 Singing peace, goodwill,
 Angel voices, tuned to harps of gold,
 Singing, singing still.

'Tis a note of kingly might and love,
 Smitten from the strings;
 'Tis a message sent of God above
 To earth's mightiest kings.

God can move the hearts of proudest kings,
 Touch their lips with grace,
 Send their words upon the swiftest wings,
 To their chosen place.

To Nicholas II.

BY KATHERINE HANSON AUSTIN.

"Te Duce, Caesar."

[*Quintus Horatius Flaccus Ad Augustum.*]

With bated breath the nations stand.
 Our hearts salute the wondrous word
 Wherewith, O King, thy lips are stirred,—
 A word more potent than command.

Articulate at last, it sounds
 The hope of millions waiting dumb,
 Blindfold and baffled.—Lo! we come!
 We know our leader. Hate hath bounds,

But love is boundless. Hate shall cease
 In aeons yet beyond the dawn
 Wherein our lifted eyes are drawn
 To seek far-shining, sacred Peace.

The Tolstoï Fund.

IN AID OF THE PERSECUTED DOUKHOBORTSI IN RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, October 25th, 1898.

Count Leo Tolstoï, whose seventieth birthday has recently been celebrated, writes to a correspondent in this country urging the raising of funds to aid in the emigration of the oppressed Doukhobortsi. These people—thrifty, industrious farmers, some ten thousand in number—form a protestant sect whose tenets resemble those of the Quakers. Their only offense is their refusal from conscientious scruples to serve in the Russian army. For this reason they have been repeatedly exiled from one part of the empire to another, and so persecuted and maltreated by the government officials that their position in their own country has become intolerable. With much difficulty they have obtained permission to emigrate to foreign lands, and steps have been taken to settle them, temporarily at least, in the Island of Cyprus, but it is hoped that they may eventually reach America. There is urgent need of funds to enable them to take advantage of the privilege to emigrate which has been accorded to them. A committee has already been formed in London to raise money for this purpose, and the undersigned have been constituted a committee to co-operate with them in America. It seems appropriate that such money as is collected should be offered to the Doukhobortsi through Count Tolstoï, and that in honor of the seventieth anniversary of his birth, it should be called the Tolstoï Fund. This cause lies close to the heart of the distinguished Russian and nothing could give him greater joy than its success. We appeal to all of our fellow-citizens who believe in liberty—in the freedom of man to abstain from taking up arms against his brother man—to contribute as they may be able to this worthy object.

Contributions of any amount may be sent to ISAAC N. SELIGMAN, ESQ., Treasurer of the Committee, Mills Building, New York.

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The Peace Meetings at Turin.

The peace meeting in connection with the annual meeting of the Society of the International Peace Bureau, at Turin, Italy, from the 26th to the 28th of September, was attended by forty-seven delegates representing thirty-nine European peace societies. The *Herald of Peace*, whose editor was present, says that the meetings, which took the place of those of the annual peace congress, "were of a very useful and earnest character."

The meeting opened with a great gathering in the Hall of the University on Sunday morning, September 25. The Turin Peace Society had arranged this meeting to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Count Sclopis, the president of the Geneva Court of Arbitration. Addresses were made by Signor Luzzati, a distinguished barrister of Turin, who gave a historical ac-